



## **COUNCIL MEETING NOTICE/AGENDA**

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**DATE:** March 16, 2010

**TIMES:** 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM\*

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**PLACE:** Doubletree Hotel  
2001 Point West Way  
Sacramento, CA 95815  
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### **AGENDA FOR 3/16/10\***

[\*Note: Breaks will be announced as needed. Items may be taken out of order to ensure appropriate flow of meeting]

#### **10:00 A.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** (M. Good)

**2. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:** (M. Good)

**3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS:** (M. Good)

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

[This section is for members of the public only; and is to provide the public an opportunity to comment and/or present information to the Council on any matter not on the agenda. Each member of the public will be afforded up to three minutes to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first. Additionally, the Council will provide a public comment period not to exceed seven minutes total for all public comments prior to Council action on each item.]

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** (M. Good)

The Council will review the minutes from the January 2010 meeting.

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT:** (M. Good)

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** (L. Hoirup)

**8. AGENCY REPORTS:**

- A. Health and Human Services Agency**
- B. Department of Developmental Services**
- C. Department of Rehabilitation**
- D. Department of Education**
- E. Department of Aging**
- F. Department of Health Care Services**

**9. COUNCIL ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

*The Council may take action based on information presented.*

- A. LANTERMAN DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER CLOSURE:** (M. Corral) **PINK**
- B. CLOSED SESSION:** (M. Good)  
Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(e)(1), the Council is holding a closed session to confer with, or receive advice from, its legal counsel regarding pending litigation.
- C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** (R. Knott)
- D. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:** (S. Dove)
- E. LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT:** (J. Aguilar) **PURPLE**
- F. STATE PLAN / STRATEGIC PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT :** (O. Raynor) **YELLOW**
- G. PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT:** (L. Cooley)
- H. SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS: (If needed)** (M. Rosenberg)  
The Council will be asked to review and either approve or deny any Sponsorship Request(s). The Council allocates up to \$25,000 for Sponsorships every year.
- I. WAIVER REQUESTS: (If needed)** (L. Hoirup)  
The Council will be asked to review and either approve or deny any Waiver Request(s).
- J. AREA BOARD COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS:** (L. Hoirup) **BLUE**  
The Council regularly receives updated reports from all 13 Area Boards that highlight local priorities and activities.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**(M. Good)**

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:  
MAY 27, 2010  
SACRAMENTO  
DOUBLETREE HOTEL  
2001 POINT WEST WAY.  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95815  
916-929-8855**

**Minutes  
January Council Meeting  
Doubletree Hotel**

**January 27, 2010**

**Members Present**

<i>Marcia Good</i>	<i>Catherine Blakemore</i>
<i>Ted Martens</i>	<i>Dan Owen</i>
<i>Randi Knott</i>	<i>Jorge Aguilar</i>
<i>Olivia Raynor</i>	<i>Leroy Shipp</i>
<i>Lisa Cooley</i>	<i>Paul Hogue</i>
<i>Megan Juring</i>	<i>Jennifer Walsh</i>
<i>Lynn Daucher</i>	
<i>Steve Silvius</i>	<i>Bill Moore</i>
<i>Ray Ceragioli</i>	<i>Shirley Dove</i>
<i>Tony Sauer</i>	<i>Emily Matlack</i>
<i>Dean Lan</i>	<i>Lori Kay</i>
<i>Dan Boomer</i>	<i>Andrea Kumetz-Coleman</i>
<i>Robert Jacobs</i>	<i>Jennifer Allen</i>
<i>Patty O'Brien</i>	<i>David Mulvaney</i>
<i>Terri Delgadillo</i>	<i>Robin Hansen</i>

**Staff Present**

*Alan Kerzin*  
*Laurie Hoirup*  
*Melissa Corral*  
*Julian Garcia*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Good on January 27, 2010 at 10:05 am.

**2. ESTABLISH QUORUM:**

Council Chair Good established that there was quorum to begin the meeting.

### **3. WELCOME/ INTRODUCTIONS**

Council Chair Good started introductions, which included the Council, staff and the public.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Executive Director of People First of California Joe Meadours has continued the planning of their statewide conference, which they plan to have about 700 attendees in the second week of June. People First continues to train and graduate self advocates in their programs throughout the state.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Council Member Knott, seconded by Council Member Mulvaney, to approve the minutes from the November Council meeting. Motion carries.

### **6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

Council Chair Good reported on the committee appointments made, passed out the NACDD policy statement and announced a change to the Council meeting schedule.

### **7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Executive Director Kerzin reported on the projects that he has been working on the past several months and the status of several ongoing issues.

### **8. GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET**

#### **A. SCDD**

Executive Director Kerzin stated that the current budget is \$11.7M, of which \$6.8M Federal dollars and \$4.9M reimbursements from DDS contracts. The proposed next year budget is \$11.6M, of which \$7.4M Feds and \$4.2M from DDS. Current year budget reflects about a \$1M reduction as a result of the furloughs.

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***B. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY***

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Council Member Juring reported that with the increase of case loads in Medi-cal, IHSS and Calworks and coupled with a proposed 16.2% budget reduction that if a program is not required and supported by the Federal Government they may have to eliminate the program. There are ongoing changes to existing programs to help prevent fraud and abuse so the resources can go to those who need the help.

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***C. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES (DDS)***

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Council Member Delgadillo stated that on the Developmental Center side of DDS has a current budget year reduction of \$69.4M, solely from the furloughs, 69 individuals leaving the center and 435 eliminated staff positions. On the Regional center side there were \$334M cuts in the current budget.

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***D. DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION (DOR)***

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Council Member Sauer reported that DOR has no general fund reductions with a budget of \$419M, which includes \$7M from the Recovery Act and 171 positions in the department. DOR must encumber all the funds by 9/30/2011.

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***E. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (DOE)***

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Council Member Boomer presented the Federal allocations for Special Education and IDEA part. DOE was awarded a Recovery Act grant for 1.27 Billion for 09-10.

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***F. DEPARTMENT OF AGING***

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Council Member Daucher reported that the department has already lost most of its general fund, so they will not take any additional hits and Adult Day Health Care is slated to be eliminated on March 1.

### ***G. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICE (HCS)***

Council Member Lan reported the department has a proposed budget of 40.6 Billion for the next year, a decrease of 8.4 Billion from the previous revised budget.

## ***9. COUNCIL ACTIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS***

### ***A. CLOSED SESSION***

A vote was taken during closed session to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee on January 6, 2010 to remove the Executive Director.

### ***B. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT***

Vice Chair Knott reported the committee had a closed session meeting that provided a recommendation to the Council to remove the Executive Director.

### ***C. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT***

Council Member Dove reported that after an extensive review that SCDD Headquarters will stay in the current building and they have received 101 concept papers.

### ***D. STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT***

Council Member Raynor stated that most Area Boards have started the process of the Strategic Plan, they have a timeline for upcoming workshops and have requested staff to update the Council on the process at the next Council meeting.

### ***E. SPONSORSHIP REQUEST***

It was moved by Council Member Knott, seconded by Council Member Dove to approve all four sponsorships request. Council Member Raynor abstained. Motion carries

### ***F. WAIVER REQUEST***

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It was moved by Council Member Knott, seconded by Council Member Aguilar to approve the waiver for Kathleen Reed. Motion carries

### ***G. AREA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT***

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Several reports were handed out at the meeting while the rest of the reports were part of the Council packet.

## ***13. ADJOURNMENT***

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It was moved by Council Member Hansen, seconded by Council Member Allen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.





## Detail Sheet for: **Lanterman Closure**

### **What is this agenda item about?**

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has proposed to close Lanterman Developmental Center in 2011. In accordance with Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4474.1(c) (Lanterman Act), the DDS must solicit input from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities.

### **What has the Council done about this so far?**

Area Board 10 drafted a letter outlining the background and facts on which their position is based upon. The Council has not taken any action regarding the proposed closure of Lanterman DC.

### **What needs to be decided at this meeting?**

The Council must decide on how to respond to DDS' solicitation of input regarding the closure of Lanterman.

### **What is the committee or staff recommendation?**

Staff recommends that the Council adopt the Area Board 10 letter as the official response to the DDS request for input.

### **Are there attachments?**

Yes:      1) Lanterman Act relevant sections  
             2) Area Board 10 Letter

## **WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 4474.1 (LANTERMAN ACT PROVISION)**

4474.1(a) Whenever the State Department of Developmental Services proposes the closure of a state developmental center, the department shall be required to submit a detailed plan to the Legislature not later than April 1 immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the plan is to be implemented, and as a part of the Governor's proposed budget. No plan submitted to the Legislature pursuant to this section, including any modifications made pursuant to subdivision (b), shall be implemented without the approval of the Legislature.

(b) A plan submitted on or before April 1 immediately prior to the fiscal year in which the plan is to be implemented may be subsequently modified during the legislative review process.

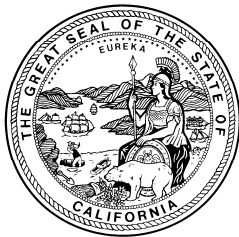
(c) Prior to submission of the plan to the Legislature, the department shall solicit input from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities, the Association of Regional Center Agencies, the protection and advocacy agency specified in Section 4901, the local area board on developmental disabilities, the local regional center, consumers living in the developmental center, parents, family members, guardians, and conservators of persons living in the developmental centers or their representative organizations, persons with developmental disabilities living in the community, developmental center employees and employee organizations, community care providers, the affected city and county governments, and business and civic organizations, as may be recommended by local state Senate and Assembly representatives.

(d) Prior to the submission of the plan to the Legislature, the department shall confer with the county in which the developmental center is located, the regional centers served by the developmental center, and other state departments using similar occupational classifications, to develop a program for the placement of staff of the developmental center planned for closure in other developmental centers, as positions become vacant, or in similar positions in programs operated by, or through contract with, the county, regional centers, or other state departments.

(e) Prior to the submission of the plan to the Legislature, the department shall hold at least one public hearing in the community in which the developmental center is located, with public comment from that hearing summarized in the plan.

(f) The plan submitted to the Legislature pursuant to this section shall include all of the following:

- (1) A description of the land and buildings affected.
- (2) A description of existing lease arrangements at the developmental center.
- (3) The impact on residents and their families.
- (4) Anticipated alternative placements for residents.
- (5) The impact on regional center services.
- (6) Where services will be obtained that, upon closure of the developmental center, will no longer be provided by that facility.
- (7) Potential job opportunities for developmental center employees and other efforts made to mitigate the effect of the closure on employees.
- (8) The fiscal impact of the closure.
- (9) The timeframe in which closure will be accomplished.



## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AREA BOARD 10

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*Protecting and Advocating for Persons with  
Developmental Disabilities in Los Angeles County*

March 4, 2010

Terri Delgadillo  
Department of Developmental Services  
1600 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 340, MS 3-17  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Closure of Lanterman Developmental Center  
Position: Support**

Dear Ms. Delgadillo,

Developmental Disabilities Area Board 10 is a state agency mandated to protect and assert the legal, civil, and service rights of people with developmental disabilities in Los Angeles County. California has a system of 13 Area Boards, covering all regions of the state. It is on behalf of our Board of Directors and over 70,000 people with a developmental disability who reside in Los Angeles County that I write today to convey our strong support for the closure of Lanterman Developmental Center (LDC).

We applaud the Governor's decision to close LDC as an acknowledgement of the United States Supreme Court's Olmstead decision, which ensures that people with developmental disabilities are provided the opportunity to live in the least restrictive settings to meet their needs. Moreover, like Agnews Developmental Center's closure, **LDC's closure should be viewed as an opportunity to expand community living options for current residents of LDC and other people with developmental disabilities in the future.**

Additional reasons to support LDC's closure include:

- Research has demonstrated and replicated findings that people with developmental disabilities enjoy a significantly better quality of life in community settings as compared with those in developmental centers.
- The Federal Department of Justice conducted an investigation of LDC under their authority through CRIPA, the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act. Their January 2006 report outlined many instances of abuse, neglect, and inadequate policies and practices at LDC. To the best of our knowledge, LDC continues to fail in correcting all of its shortcomings. Litigation may be pending concerning Lanterman's inability to resolve these issues.
- Providing equivalent services to meet the needs of movers in the community is less expensive than in a developmental center.

LDC's closure must ensure a smooth and responsible transition. We therefore support the provision of appropriate services and supports, as well as ongoing stakeholder involvement and input. Moreover, we caution you to avoid a hasty closure – we believe

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residents would benefit from a closure done right, rather than a closure done rapidly. We are concerned that implementing a closure within two years will not provide sufficient time for the regional center system to provide a broad enough array of supports and services to meet the individualized needs of each LDC resident.

We do not support simply transferring current LDC residents to another developmental center, such as Fairview Developmental Center. Not only would this violate the Olmstead decision, but it would deny current LDC residents the dignity of making an informed decision. We therefore support each resident being provided the opportunity to live in the community to evaluate if this is a choice they would like to make. Conversely, if residents make an informed choice to transfer to another developmental center, we support their preference.

To ensure that appropriate placements, services, and supports have been made, we support appropriate oversight throughout the process and for one year thereafter – oversight provided by LDC's Regional Project, the Volunteer Advocacy Services Program of Developmental Disabilities Area Board 10, and a stakeholder committee, similar to the committee that monitored Agnews' closure.

Clearly, savings will be realized from LDC's closure. We believe that those savings should be transferred to DDS' Community Services Division to invest in the future of people with developmental disabilities. Additionally, if LDC property is sold or rented, we propose that the proceeds from that sale or rent should be likewise invested for the use of DDS' Community Services Division.

We thank you for this opportunity to provide input to the closure of LDC and look forward to working with you to ensure its success and improve the quality of life for its current residents. If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Cordially,

Marilyn Barraza  
Chairperson

cc: Honorable Members of the Assembly Budget Subcommittee No. 1,  
Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Assembly Committee on Budget  
Mr. Daniel Alvarez, Staff Director, Assembly Committee on Budget  
Honorable Members of the Senate Subcommittee No. 3, Health and Human  
Services Subcommittee, Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review  
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**Detail Sheet for:  
LEGISLATIVE AND PUBLIC POLICY  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

**What is this agenda item about?**

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities will hear the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) updates from the meeting that occurred on 2/11/10.

**What has the Council done about this so far?**

The Council regularly hears a report of LPPC activities and ratifies actions proposed by the LPPC as needed.

The Council has directed LPPC to generate policy papers pertaining to employment, housing, and special education. The purpose of these papers is to enable LPPC to take timely action without requiring prior Council approval.

**What needs to be decided at this meeting?**

The LPPC is proposing three policy papers and seeking the authorization of the Council to implement the actions noted in the policy papers.

Informational updates will be provided to the Council pertaining to items discussed at the February 2010 meeting – AB 287, Area Board involvement in the public policy process, the state budget, federal and state legislation, development of legislative toolkits, and special education stakeholder workgroup.

**What is the committee or staff recommendation?**

The LPPC and staff recommendations are for the State Council on Developmental Disabilities to review the draft policy papers, make any appropriate comments and/or revisions, and approve them.

**Are there attachments?**

Yes. The legislative updates are attached. The policy papers will be distributed at the meeting.



State Council on Developmental Disabilities



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## Legislation and Public Policy Committee February 11, 2010

The following federal bills were reviewed. No actions were taken.

### **H.R. 2740 – IDEA Fairness Restoration Act**

Sometimes, disputes arise between school districts and families concerning the content of individual education programs. When such disputes arise, either party may request due process. Presently, neither party may recover costs associated with expert witnesses or assessments. This bill would allow parents who prevail in due process to be reimbursed for their expert witness fees.

### **H.R. 4247 – Preventing Harmful Restraints and Seclusion in the Schools Act**

This bill aims to prevent and reduce the inappropriate use of restraints and seclusion in public schools. You may recall that we reviewed and supported a similar state bill, AB 1538 (Ma), this past year – which stalled and eventually died in the legislative process.

### **S. 2781 – Rosa’s Law**

This federal bill will change federal statutory language from “mentally retarded individuals” to “an individual with an intellectual disability”.

“The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.”





## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AREA BOARD 10

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*Protecting and Advocating for Persons with  
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### **Governmental Affairs Committee Report June 4, 2009**

We are reviewing all federal legislation this month:

#### **CLASS Act (S. 697/H.R. 1721)**

The CLASS Act will create a new national insurance program paid for through payroll deduction (unless the employee opts out). The intent is to provide long term services and supports for people who become disabled without requiring that they become destitute first, as with Medicaid. The benefit could be used for non-medical services (for example, hiring a person to help with daily life activities) that would allow a person with a disability to remain independent. The cash benefit would have no impact on eligibility provided by SSI, survivors or disability benefits, Medi-Cal, or Medicaid.

The following federal bills were also reviewed at the 2/11/10 LPPC Meeting. No actions were taken.

#### **Community Choice Act (S. 683/H.R. 1670)**

Many people with disabilities do not have a choice about where they are provided services – in an institution (such as a nursing home or developmental center) or in the community. The Community Choice Act would enable states to utilize Medicaid funds to give people with disabilities who live in institutional settings the option of living in community settings. This would enable to states to reduce or eliminate the long waiting lists that many states have of people waiting to move into the community.

Under this bill, states would have to establish a Development and Implementation Council, composed of people with disabilities and seniors (or their representatives), who would work with the state to provide the services.

#### **ABLE Act (S. 493/H.R. 1205)**

The ABLE Act will give people with disabilities and/or their families the option of opening a tax-free saving account that would not impact their eligibility for Medicaid, SSI, and other federal benefits. The money saved could be withdrawn tax-free as long as it is used for essential expenses for the person with the disability – services such as education, medical and dental care, employment training and support, transportation, housing, and personal support services. Additionally, the account could be held in trust by parents or guardians.

## SCDD Legislation and Public Policy Committee

**AB 140** (Beall) **Developmental disabilities.** (C-08/06/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 01/20/2009  
**Last Amend:**  
**Status:** 08/06/2009-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 84, Statutes of 2009.  
**Location:** 08/06/2009-A CHAPTERED

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**Summary:** Would establish procedures for the resolution of disputes between a regional center and a generic agency, as defined, over provision of, or payment for, services that are contained in an individualized family service plan or individual program plan for any child under 6 years of age.

**AB 214** (Chesbro) **Health care coverage: durable medical equipment.** (A-04/23/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/03/2009  
**Last Amend:** 04/23/2009  
**Status:** 01/31/2010-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(3). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 6/2/2009)  
**Location:** 01/31/2010-A DEAD

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**Summary:** Would require a health care service plan and a health insurer to provide coverage for durable medical equipment, as defined, as part of their plan contracts or health insurance policies. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 287** (Beall) **Persons with developmental disabilities: employment.** (C-10/11/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/13/2009  
**Last Amend:** 09/02/2009  
**Status:** 10/11/2009-Chaptered by the Secretary of State, Chapter Number 231, Statutes of 2009  
**Location:** 10/11/2009-A CHAPTERED

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**Summary:** Would encourage the individual program planning team to discuss school-to-work opportunities for consumers commencing at 14 years of age. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 302** (Beall) **Deadly weapons: prohibited persons: reports.** (A-01/21/2010 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/17/2009  
**Last Amend:** 01/21/2010  
**Status:** 01/21/2010-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on HUMAN S.  
**Location:** 01/21/2010-S HUM. S.

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**Summary:** Would require, commencing July 1, 2012, that those reports be submitted



**AB 661** (Torlakson) **Special education: behavioral intervention plans: mandate claim: funding.** (1-02/25/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/25/2009  
**Last Amend:**  
**Status:** 01/31/2010-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(3). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 6/8/2009)  
**Location:** 01/31/2010-A DEAD

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**Summary:** Would require the Superintendent to perform various calculations to increase the amount of funding per unit of average daily attendance for each special education local plan area, as specified. The bill would appropriate \$65,000,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent in augmentation of a specified item of the Budget Act of 2009 for purposes of providing that increased funding. The bill also would appropriate \$10,000,000 from the General Fund to the Superintendent for allocation on a one-time basis to county offices of education and special education local plan areas, as specified. The bill would direct that \$85,000,000 be appropriated from the General Fund on a one-time basis in each of the 2011-12 to 2016-17 fiscal years, inclusive, except as provided, to the Superintendent for allocation to school districts on a per-pupil basis. The Superintendent would be required to use specified calculations to compute the allocation for each school district. The bill would deem the funding described in this paragraph as payments in full satisfaction of, and in lieu of, any reimbursable mandate claims resulting from the statement of decision of the Commission on State Mandates regarding the Behavioral Intervention Plans Mandated Cost Test Claim. This bill contains other related provisions.

**AB 682** (Lowenthal, Bonnie) **In-Home Supportive Services program: fraud.** (A-09/03/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/26/2009  
**Last Amend:** 09/03/2009  
**Status:** 09/03/2009-From committee chair, with author's amendments: Amend, and re-refer to committee. Read second time, amended, and re-referred to Com. on APPR.  
**Location:** 09/03/2009-S APPR.

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**Summary:** Would require that the criminal background checks be conducted at the provider's expense, unless the nonprofit consortium or public authority agrees to pay for the criminal background check in which case the department shall seek federal financial participation, to the extent possible, to cover costs associated with conducting the criminal background check. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**AB 1124** (Yamada) **Special education: due process hearings.** (A-04/22/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/27/2009  
**Last Amend:** 04/22/2009  
**Status:** 01/31/2010-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(3). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 6/2/2009)  
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**Summary:** subject to receipt of federal funding, would require local educational agencies, during the pendency of a hearing involving an application of a pupil for initial services under a preschool program serving individuals with exceptional needs between 3 to 5 years of age, inclusive, who is no longer eligible for early intervention services under the California Early Intervention Services Act because he or she has reached 3 years of age, to continue to provide the same services that were provided under the California Early Intervention Services Act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing



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**Summary:** Would require the department, on or before December 31, 2011, to develop procedures to ensure that an IHSS provider receives a list specifying the approved duties to be performed for each recipient under the provider's care and a complete list of supportive service tasks available under the IHSS program. This bill contains other existing laws.

**SB 383** (Liu) **Autism Spectrum Disorders: screening.** (A-04/16/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/26/2009  
**Last Amend:** 04/16/2009  
**Status:** 01/22/2010-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 6/2/2009)  
**Location:** 01/22/2010-S DEAD

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**Summary:** Would require the State Department of Developmental Services to partner with at least one regional center to implement a 2-year Autism Spectrum Disorders Early Screening, Intervention, and Treatment Pilot Program in at least 3 key geographic areas. The pilot program would establish best practices for early screening, diagnosis, referral, and treatment for children with ASD. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

**SB 621** (Florez) **Career technical education: individuals with exceptional needs.** (A-05/06/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/27/2009  
**Last Amend:** 05/06/2009  
**Status:** 01/22/2010-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(2). (Last location was 2 YEAR on 6/2/2009)  
**Location:** 01/22/2010-S DEAD

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**Summary:** Would require the Superintendent, in coordinating the development of the next revision of this curriculum framework that is submitted to the State Board of Education for approval, to include guidance for adapting work-based learning for individuals with exceptional needs.

**SB 682** (Padilla) **Individuals with exceptional needs: academic and occupational training: pilot program.** (A-06/24/2009 [html](#) [pdf](#))  
**Introduced:** 02/27/2009  
**Last Amend:** 06/24/2009  
**Status:** 08/27/2009-Set, second hearing. Held in committee and under submission.  
**Location:** 08/27/2009-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

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**Summary:** Would require a county office of education or consortium of county offices of education that establishes a pilot program pursuant to these provisions to submit an evaluation containing specified information about the program to the State Department of Education, the Assembly Committee on Education, and the Senate Committee on Education on or before January 1, 2014. These provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2015.



## **Detail Sheet for: State Plan/Strategic Plan**

### **What is this agenda item about?**

This is an update of the progress made in the Strategic Plan and State Plan development.

### **What has the Council done about this so far?**

Through Council directive, all Area Boards but Area Board 7 have participated in the Area Board Strategic Plan Workshop. Area Board 7 will conduct their Area Board Strategic Plan workshop in late March in San Jose.

Currently, Area Board 1 will soon approve their Strategic Plan and Area Board 2 will soon have their drafted Area Board Strategic Plan converted into a survey and posted on-line for the public comment period.

Area Boards: 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, and 13 are in the development stage, where they are drafting goals, benchmarks and strategies.

### **What needs to be decided at this meeting?**

None; information only.

### **What is the committee or staff recommendation?**

SCDD staff recommends the continual support of the State Plan activities and the Area Board Strategic Plan development.

### **Are there attachments?**

Yes, the Strategic Plan and State Plan Timeline. *Please see Draft Timeline for details.*

<b>Strategic and State Plans TIMELINE (2012-2017)-Draft</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Council</b>	<b>Area Boards</b>	<b>SCDD Staff</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>January 2010</b>	January 27 Council Mtg: Timeline for 2012-2017 State Plan; update on AB Strategic Plan Workshops	Strategic Plan Workshops- AB 8: 1/13/10 AB 4: 1/30/10	AB Strategic Plan development.	-Raw data from ABs and from the community will be collected on an ongoing basis for State Plan Development.
<b>February 2010</b>		Strategic Plan Workshop- AB 6: 2/6/10	Met with Dr. Raynor-State Plan overview and etc...	-Raw data from ABs and from the community will be collected on an ongoing basis for State Plan Development.
<b>March 2010</b>	March 16 Council Mtg: -PPR update -AB Strategic Plan update	Strategic Plan Workshop- AB 11: 3/2/10 AB 7: TBD <b>Deadline for all 13 Area Boards to have done a Strategic Plan Workshop</b>		-Raw data from ABs and from the community will be collected on an ongoing basis for State Plan Development.  -Meet with SPC Chair-Dr. Raynor
<b>April 2010</b>	2012-2017 State Plan development: data collected from the Area Boards and state and local agencies will be used to prepare the State Plan.  <b>AB BSG Reports, Consumer and Stakeholder surveys: (Oct.-09-Mar.-10) Due on the 30<sup>th</sup>!</b>  <b>State Plan Amendment Preparation: Draft 2009-2010</b>			
<b>May 2010</b>	May 18-19 Council Mtg:  2012-2017 State Plan development: data collected from the Area Boards and state and local agencies will be used to prepare the State Plan.			
<b>June 2010</b>			<b>State Plan Development</b>	iTACC Conf.: 6/22-26/10.
<b>July 2010</b>	July 20-21 Council Mtg:	<b>All Area Boards should have their AB SP-Approved</b>	<b>State Plan Development</b>  *PPR Drafting for Dec. Submission.	Grant Cycle 33 (M)
<b>August 2010</b>			<b>State Plan Development</b>  *PPR Drafting for Dec. Submission.	<b>State Plan Amendments Due: Aug. 15, 2010</b>
<b>September 2010</b>	Sep. 21-22 Council Mtg:		<b>State Plan Development</b>	PPR Development: grants, surveys, BSG
<b>October 2010</b>	Draft of 5-Year State Plan 2012-2017	<b>AB BSG Reports, Consumer &amp;</b>	Online data-base system for reporting etc...	Start of the last year of the 5 year of State Plan

		<b>Stakeholder surveys: Due on the 29<sup>th</sup>! (Apr.-10-Oct.-10)</b>		(2006-2011)
<b>November 2010</b>	Nov. 16-17 Council Mtg:			<b>Draft of PPR submission</b>
<b>December 2010</b>				<b>PPR DUE! 12-31-2011</b>

## DRAFT 2010-2011 State Plan TIMELINE

Month	Council	Area Boards	Staff	Other
<b>January 2011</b>			State Plan Development	
<b>February 2011</b>			State Plan Development	
<b>March 2011</b>	Final Draft of 5-Year State Plan 2012-2017			
<b>April 2011</b>				
<b>May 2011</b>	<b>Council Mtg: Action-Approve 5-Year State Plan 2012-2017</b>			
<b>June 2011</b>				-5-Year State Plan 2012-2017 must be posted online and disseminated to the public etc...
<b>July 2011</b>				
<b>August 2011</b>				State Plan must be submitted to ADD by August 15 <sup>th</sup> . (Submit 8 <sup>th</sup> )
<b>September 2011</b>				
<b>October 2011</b>				*5-Year State Plan 2012-2017 Begins!
<b>November 2011</b>				Last reporting year of the 2006-2011 State Plan-Draft of PPR submission
<b>December 2011</b>				*Submission by 20 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> <b>PPR DUE! 12-31-2012</b>



**Detail Sheet for:**  
**State Plan**

**What is this agenda item about?**

Council staff is providing an Executive Summary of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities Program Performance Report for Federal Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

**What has the Council done about this so far?**

Council staff submitted the annual Program Performance Report (State Plan Report) to the Administration on Developmental Disabilities on December 22, 2009 via the On-Line Data Collection System as required. In late February of 2010, Council staff received notification that the report was accepted. High remarks were given to the State Council for the great work that was done within the reporting year, given the challenges that the agency faced.

**What needs to be decided at this meeting?**

None; information only.

**What is the committee or staff recommendation?**

SCDD staff recommends the continual support of the State Plan activities and the Area Board Strategic Plan development.

**Are there attachments?**

Yes, the Executive Summary which highlights all the Areas of Emphasis in sections.  
*Please see Executive Summary for details.*

California  
State Council on **Developmental Disabilities**  
**Performance Progress Report for FFY 2008-2009**



## **Executive Summary**

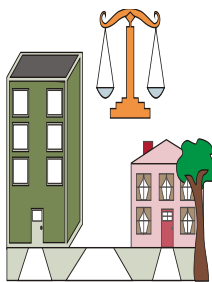
The Federal Government asked the State Council on Developmental Disabilities (SCDD, the Council) to decide what Areas of Emphasis it will focus its activities and resources on during five years of the State Plan. For each Area picked the Council must give reasons why each Area is important for people with developmental disabilities and their families in California.

The Council must also identify Goals and Objectives to work on within each Area of Emphasis. The federal government says the Council shall implement the State Plan by conducting and supporting the following advocacy, capacity building, and systemic change activities:

- Outreach
- Training
- Technical Assistance
- Supporting and Educating Communities
- Interagency Collaboration and Coordination
- Coordination with Related Councils, Committees and Programs
- Barrier Elimination, Systems Design and Redesign
- Coalition Development and Citizen Participation
- Informing Policymakers
- Demonstration of New Approaches to Services and Supports
- Other Activities

The following pages contain qualitative and (estimated) quantitative information regarding each selected Area of Emphasis by the CA State Council on Developmental Disabilities (Estimated outcome numbers reflect a three-year cumulative of the five-year CA SCDD State Plan). Estimated outcome numbers come from the Basic State Grant reports produced by the 13 Area Boards and grantees from cycle 31 (FFY Reporting: 10/1/2008-9/30/2009).





## 1. Community Supports

### Goals:

*Californians with developmental disabilities and their families are fully included in all aspects of community life.*

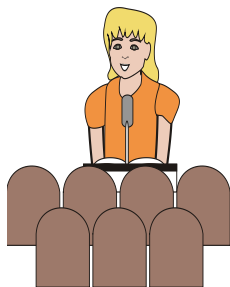
*Californians with developmental disabilities will experience increased inclusion and independence through the use of assistive technology.*

*Californians with developmental disabilities have full and equal protections in all state and federal emergency preparedness/homeland security programs.*

In the past three-years of the State Plan, over 7,874 individuals with developmental disabilities received some form of formal/informal community supports and 15,039 were trained in formal/informal community supports. Thus far 834 buildings or public accommodations became more accessible to people with developmental disabilities in California.

Many Area Boards are involved in Emergency Preparedness committees and hosted workshops in their catchment area.

## 2. Cross Cutting



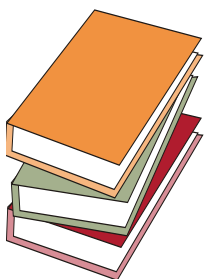
### Goal:

*The Council will use community education and awareness to shape public policy that positively impacts Californians with developmental disabilities and their families.*

Cross Cutting measures were successful in educating over 120 policy-makers, educated on issues related to Council activities, 120 copies brochures and/or other publications were distributed. This year, the State Council staff produced an extraordinary Annual Report highlighting Area Boards, consumers, grantees and other activities.

The SCDD website is another activity fulfilled in the SCDD State Plan that furnishes all sorts of information for consumers and their families. This year SCDD made a huge leap in reaching consumer satisfaction and stakeholder input by converting the federal mandated evaluation surveys into an online format and in another language: Spanish. Thanks' to the Area Boards' support on this endeavor, the federal Administration on Developmental Disabilities applauded the agency for their great effort and outcome! The surveys are available on the Council website, [www.scdd.ca.gov](http://www.scdd.ca.gov).





### 3. Education & Early Intervention

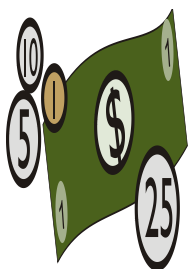
#### Goals:

*California infants and toddlers reach their developmental potential and families have the necessary supports to provide for their family member's special needs. Californians with developmental disabilities have control, choice and flexibility in the education they receive.*

In the third year of the 2007-2011 State Plan, the Council did a great job in reaching its projected targets in education and early intervention outcome measures:

- The number of students who have the education and support they need to reach their education goals through Council/Area Board efforts: 5,246.
- The number of people trained in inclusive education: 5,332.
- The number of parents or guardians trained regarding their child's educational rights: 8,116.

The Council continues to support self-determination and community inclusion of youth with developmental disabilities by empowering students and their families with the information and resources they need to pursue higher education, providing resources and assistance to higher education professionals and informing policy makers. The Council has been able to do this via the 13 Area Boards and awarded grantees.



### 4. Employment

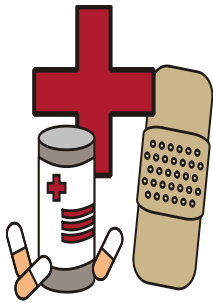
#### Goal:

*Californians with developmental disabilities obtain, succeed and advance in employment consistent with their interests, abilities, and needs.*

The employment figures show impressive accomplishments, especially in program & policy improvement & training, through statewide efforts of the Area Boards. In the third year of the 2007-2011 State Plan the Council has achieved again its projected targets for all the outcome measures:

- The number of adults with jobs: 1,300.
- The number of businesses that employed adults: 183.
- The number of people trained in employment: 1,153.

A great end-of-the-year achievement was the passing of AB 287 (Beall) which establishes an "employment first" initiative for services to individuals with developmental disabilities. The Council will continue its efforts in the area of employment in the next 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> year of the State Plan.



## 5. Health

### Goals:

*Californians with developmental disabilities will have access to a full range of coordinated health, dental, and mental health services in their communities.*

*Californians with developmental disabilities have control, choice, and flexibility over their health care.*

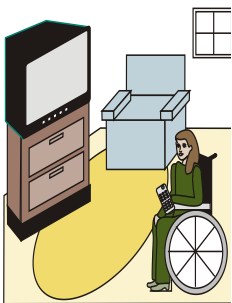
*Californians with developmental disabilities will achieve optimal health and wellness through the prevention of primary and secondary causes of disabilities and promotion of healthy lifestyles.*

One of our biggest successes was in people trained in health services. This was able to happen via collaborative efforts from the 13 Area Boards and grantees.

- The number of individuals with needed healthcare services: 6,762.
- The number of healthcare policies/programs created/improved: 200.
- The number of people trained in healthcare services: 162,504.

Many Area Boards shared health information at workshops, conferences and fairs as well as conducted specified workshops/presentations (e.g., FASD, health, relationships, Autism and more). Many Area Boards also participate in health committees and organizations in their respective communities.

## 6. Housing



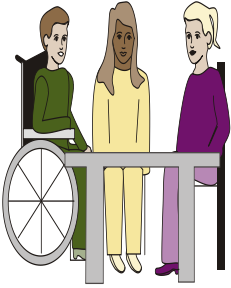
### Goal:

*Californians with developmental disabilities have access to affordable housing that provides control, choice, and flexibility regarding where and with whom they live.*

The Council achieved its projected targets all housing outcome measures. A respectable end of the year estimated outcome given the current housing crisis and affordability issue in California.

- The number of individuals with homes of their choice through Council efforts: 248.
- The units of affordable accessible housing made available: 118.
- The number of people trained in housing: 1,484.
- The number of individual housing programs created/improved: 43.

## 7. Quality Assurance



### Goal:

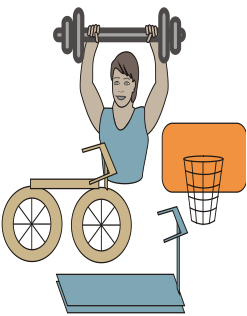
*Individuals with developmental disabilities and their families have control, choice, and flexibility in the services they receive. Californians with developmental disabilities are free of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and are provided equal access to protection and legal remedies when those rights are violated.*

Over the 3 years of the State Plan, SCDD exceeded projected outcomes. Apart from the Statewide Area Boards accomplishment in self-advocacy and quality assurance, two grants that were focused on this area of emphasis were successful in their efforts as well; People First of California (PFCA) and Partners in Policy.

- People First California participated on statewide committees and workgroups testified at legislative hearings and committees.
- Partners in Policy participated in the same activities as People First and trained individuals in leadership positions. Eighteen ambassadors made presentations to organizations and agencies as well as consumers about the abilities of individuals with disabilities.

The Council was engaged in a number of efforts that support and address issues related to self-advocacy, empowerment, leadership, rights, justice, and abuse and neglect. In addition, 16,558 benefited from the LQA project.

## 8. Recreation



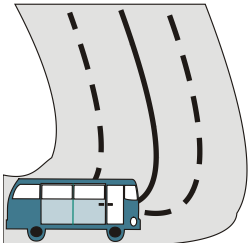
### Goal:

*Californians with developmental disabilities of all ages will have full access to and inclusion in community social and recreation programs.*

Over the 3 years of the 5-year 2007-2011 State Plan, the Council met its goals in all 4 recreation outcome measures. The Council has been particularly successful in the use of technical assistance programs and to expand inclusive recreational opportunities.

Assisted Technology has been a great resource for access and inclusion in community, social and, recreational opportunities and programs:

- The number of people active in recreational activities through Council efforts: 2,140.
- The number of people trained in recreation: 1,525.



## 9. Transportation

*Goal:*

*Californians with developmental disabilities and their families will have access to transportation that enables full participation in all aspects of community life.*

- The number of people who have transportation services via council efforts: 1,066.
- The number of transportation programs or policies created or improved: 51.



**Agenda Item: 9.J.**  
**Date: March 16, 2009**  
**Meeting: March Council**

**Detail Sheet for:**  
**Area Board Council Representative Reports**

**What is this agenda item about?**

Area Board Council Representative Reports that are submitted every two months to summarize some of the activities of the Area Boards as they relate to Highlights, Advocacy, Community Participation and the Local Concerns.

**What has the Council done about this so far?**

The Council initially requested a standard reporting format for the Area Board Council Representatives to use for ease in understanding and to provide a window of activities going on in the local areas.

**What needs to be decided at this meeting?**

Informational item, no decisions necessary.

**What is the committee or staff recommendation?**

Read, review, enjoy and ask questions if necessary. Share with your Boards.

**Are there attachments?**

Yes, the Area Board Reports.

## **SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

**Name:** *Patty O'Brien, Area Board 1*

**Reporting Date:** *March 2010*

**Please provide a paragraph about the following topics as they relate to the people you represent; if there has been no activity for the past two months, leave the space blank. The following topics are suggested. Please report on activities as they relate to the State Plan.**

- 1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**
  - HO 1.2 Area Board 1 and the Redwood Coast Regional Center Affordable Housing Committee, met with Dr. Judith Little and Jacqui Brennan of Humboldt State University to review and discuss the results of the RCRC Housing Survey.
  - CC 1.1 Area Board 1 received seven applications for mini-grants. The Mini Grant Sub-Committee will determine which applicant(s) will receive the \$10,000.00 funding.
  - The Area Board and the Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Families will be presenting a training regarding Instructional Strategies for Children with Disabilities Involved in the Court System. (Flyer attached) This activity also relates to laying the foundation for our new Strategic Plan)
  - The In Case of Emergency program in Mendocino County has begun. (Flyer attached)
- 2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**
  - Client/family advocacy (Chris R. Ricky L. – systemic issue re: dependent or adjudicated clients. Jesttin K. – client choice. Lucinda V. - parental rights court case.) Lake County systems change in multi Dimensional Cases.
- 3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**
  - Area Board 1 staff spoke to the public and the local Board of Supervisors educating them and encouraging the use of the Rand Institute study of Human Capitol Theory, monetary payoffs, and cost benefit analysis of prevention and early intervention during budget deliberations.
  - Area Board 1 assisted Assemblymember Chesbro's staff in the dissemination of information regarding ACR 123, the resolution which would honor those who died in state institutions by establishing the third Monday of September as a Remembrance Day to memorialize these Californians.
  - Area Board 1 has worked to improve public policy on inclusion of individuals with developmental and on offering all possible generic services in a planned manner.
- 4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**
  - Lake County Blue Ribbon Commission on Children and Families.

- Lake County Blue Ribbon Commission Short and Long Range Goals committee.
  - Attended Community Care Licensing/Regional Center meeting.
  - Participated on the hiring panel for the Redwood Coast Regional Center Registered Nurse position for Lake and Mendocino Counties.
  - Area Board staff were featured speakers and trainers at the Lake County Department of Social Services Child Welfare System quarterly meeting.
  - Presented a detailed training to 30 Soroptimist women on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, the effects of drugs on the developing fetus and nursing infant, health, the prevention of disabilities, and what real women and girls can do in their own families and the community.
  - Area Board members and staff, in collaboration with First Five, Maternal Child and Adolescent Health, the Consolidated Tribal Health Project, and local prenatal providers, constructed a series of College classes to train foster parents, social workers and other parents and professionals. *This Course is entitled Children with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders” Education, Support and Intervention.* This course also offers MCLE credits for attorneys to attend.
- 5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council’s attention:**
- We continue to see the need expressed in our draft strategic plan to address Individual Education Plan implementation, and have already begun to lay the groundwork to upgrade our local educational systems and schools.

### **SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

**Name: Area Board 2**

**Reporting Date: March 2010**

**Please provide a paragraph about the following topics as they relate to the people you represent; if there has been no activity for the past two months, leave the space blank. The following topics are suggested. Please report on activities as they relate to the State Plan.**

- 1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive effect on your community or individual):**
  - Facilitated two self-advocate “Drug & Alcohol Team” presentations. Presented on a variety of topics, including abuse prevention, to Siskiyou Co. SELPA CAC. Co-sponsoring with FNRC a workshop on Prader-Willi Syndrome” April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Red Bluff. Mini-Grant update - Focus Film Festival will screen “The Horse Boy” April 29th in Chico; TCCC has begun planning their June “Emergency Preparedness Fair”; and, Theater in the Now, Horses Unlimited and WTC Six Pack have contacted AB2 with purchase plans. Our “Groups & Events” flyer was e-mailed Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> to 150+ individuals/agencies.
- 2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**
  - Board reviewed and gave input to staff on its’ draft Strategic Plan. Attended meetings with Glenn Co. SELPA and FNRC about increasing residential and employment options in that county. Presented to “Region 2 IHSS Public Authority”

(AB's 2, 3, & 4) on Area Boards, abuse prevention, Personal Care Guidelines. They recommended PCG's be implemented statewide. Participated on statewide/national "stakeholder" conference calls sponsored by CA Brain Injury Coalition; Easter Seals Family Support Project & Self Advocates Becoming Empowered; Justice for ALL Action Network; and National Public Transportation. Continue coordinating 30 "adult" service providers from Butte County attending *free* monthly tele-conference trainings on "Autism-Basic Competency" sponsored by Region 2 SELPA's, which had only been open to school staff. Continue providing advocacy/info to families & consumers with service or systemic problems, including: FNRC budget cuts, service impacts and appeals; Special Education; Children's Services; IHSS; Shasta College; and, various information requests.

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- Continue participation on a "No. Ca. State Budget Alliance" and planning a March 11<sup>th</sup> "Town Hall Meeting" in Chico. NCABA membership includes 3 Independent Living Centers, Chico Peace and Justice, Seniors/Passages, League of Women Voters, Women's Health and more! We are connected to a statewide coalition.

**4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- Staff & Board continue participation on County Coordinating Councils (CCC) in Butte, Tehama, Shasta; FNRC Board meetings; Service Provider Advisory Committee (SPAC); Supported Life conference planning committee; Butte County's IHSS Advisory Committee RFENC open houses and TBI Coalition. Continue coordination with SCCC on a May "summit" of our 3 CCC's to plan and collaborate.

**5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**

- We are still concerned that, unlike regional center boards, there is no "conflict of interest waiver" process for family members or self-advocates who want to serve on Area Board's but work for a D.D. service agency.

***SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT***

***Name: Laura Ramos, Area Board 4***

***Reporting Date: March 2010***

**Please provide a paragraph about the following topics as they relate to the people you represent; if there has been no activity for the past two months, leave the space blank. The following topics are suggested. Please report on activities as they relate to the State Plan.**

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- No Comments

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**



- Provided advocacy assistance at IPP meeting on 2-2-10 for young adult with autism and behavioral challenges who is seeking to move into his own apartment with SLS and IHSS support services. Good progress being made but has taken long time and many meetings.
- Participated in a meeting of the “Advocacy Group” on 2-16-10 which consists of the OCRA “CRA”, the regional center’s attorneys as well as their Director of client Services to discuss several issues including day care policy and the regional center’s role in special education advocacy among others.
- Provided consultation to parent on appeals procedure and rights on eligibility determination for regional center services. Gave information on services of SSA and DOR and community college, as well as referral to OCRA.
- Provided information and phone consult with parent on respite issue with NBRC where regional center claimed IHSS Protective supervision satisfied consumer’s need for respite.
- Provided information on his rights to adult consumer who was not satisfied with his current living arrangements in a CCF. He moved to a new CCF.
- Provided information and consult to parent who is also a SLS provider for his child who lives out of home. Issue was really vendor issue, and has subsequently been resolved.
- Provided information on rights, consult, and referral to parent who has issues with Vallejo S.D. over request for either independent education evaluation or referral to Fremont Diagnostic Center. Issue is in process and contact continuing.
- Provided consultation and gave information to several families whose sons and daughters contracted transportation was affected by the sudden departure of the transportation provider. Advocacy on this issue continued in a number of venues by Area 4 Board, including at NBRC Board meeting, Vendor Advisory Committee meeting, Service Provider meetings, and at Area 4 Board public meeting. A number of recommendations were made which have been communicated to NBRC.

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- Participated in NBART Training & Employment Workgroup on 2-4-10 in Napa where a presentation was made by representatives from the Social Security Administration on work incentives and rules affecting individuals and work. This is part of an education process the Workgroup is conducting prior to its analysis and recommendations on legislative, policy and regulatory changes which will be made to NBART.
- Attended Easter Seals Bay Area’s Autism Community Forum on 2-5-10 in Oakland gathering valuable information to inform our work with ACT and NBART, and had discussions with other leaders in ASD field on policy and practice.

- Participated as a delegate to Senate Select Committee on Autism's, "Autism Council North" meeting on 2-23-10 in Oakland where recommendations were presented from all autism regional task forces in Northern California, including our NBART.
  - Participated on NBART housing Workgroup meeting on 2-24-10 in Napa with discussion continuing on planning housing summit and identifying personal stories and individuals to illustrate issues faced by individuals with autism and families around housing and community living arrangements.
- 4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**
- Participated in planning team meeting on 1-19-10 for Sonoma County Transition Resource Fair, and had table at the Fair on 2-10-10 at County Office of Education.
  - Participated in Tri-annual Tri-County Autism Community Team (ACT) meeting on 2-21-10. Focus on issues over completing an MOU with SELPA's, Regional Center, and Family Resource Centers worked on but issue on a common approach to outcome evaluation not settled.
  - Attended an all-day training on 2-25-10 in Santa Rosa on ASD and Transition to Work presented by CDE and DOR. Discussed replicating the training in Solano County.
  - Attended Sonoma Service Providers meeting in Petaluma on 2-26-10 where discussion focused on a major issue stemming from the sudden withdrawal of a transportation provider from the County leaving 200 adult consumers without transportation.
  - Attended meeting of North Bay Autism Regional Task Force's Housing Workgroup in Napa with discussion on planning for a "summit on housing" intended for April, 2010.
  - Attended Napa/Solano Service Providers meeting in Vallejo on 2-1-10 of with focus of discussion on the aforementioned transportation issue in Sonoma County.
  - Attended meeting at State Capital on 2-2-10 of the Assembly Select Committee to gather information for Area 4 Board and community.
  - Attended meeting with Council Chairperson, vice-Chairperson, and management team on 2-3-10 at SCDD Headquarters in Sacramento.
  - Attended meeting of North Bay Regional Center Board of Directors in Napa and gave monthly report on behalf of the Area Board.
  - Attended meeting on 2-9-10 of the regional center's Vendor Advisory Committee (VAC) meeting where much of discussion was on the transportation issue on Sonoma County.
  - Participated in a meeting on 2-16-10 in Santa Rosa of the leaders of the Autism Community Team to discuss strategies for expanding ACT's leadership, increasing parent participation, and expanding the purview of ACT to services to adolescents and adults.

- Held the Area 4 Board public meeting on 2-17-10 in Napa at Aldea Family Services. Presentation made on SLS services by Aldea staff. Focus of meeting on two issues: (a) Transportation issue in Sonoma county; and, (b) Plan by a non-profit group called Woven Shade to build a residential complex in Sonoma consisting of 4 homes each for 4 individuals with autism. This is an issue that would benefit from discussion at council as it brings into play on the one hand, (a) values of parents who want what they see as the best practice programming and living arrangement for their sons and daughters with autism; and, (b) values of advocates who have concerns about what they see as the congregate living environment and potential community perception of individuals with autism.
  - Participated in similar meeting in Napa to the one on 16<sup>th</sup> in Santa Rosa on how to expand the leadership of ACT, bring in more parents, and expand the purview of ACT to services to adolescents and adults.
- 5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**
- See bullet immediately above concerning plans for residential community in Sonoma for individuals with autism.

### ***SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT***

***Name: Area Board 5***

***Reporting Date: March 2010***

**Please provide a paragraph about the following topics as they relate to the people you represent; if there has been no activity for the past two months, leave the space blank. The following topics are suggested. Please report on activities as they relate to the State Plan.**

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive effect on your community or individual):**

- Organized Town Hall meeting 1/22/10 to educate legislators on impact of budget cuts. Three legislators and 8 legislative staff listened to invited testimony on cuts to Early Start, Social Recreation and MediCal Adult Dental. About 250 people attended.
- Working with Housing Consortium of the Est Bay and West Bay Housing on housing advocacy. Currently working with a Board Fellow from UC Berkeley to review the impact of our efforts to influence the Housing Elements in 39 jurisdiction in the East Bay.
- Presentation to Padres Unidos support group (Hayward) on conservatorship and alternatives. Presentation to newly formed parent support group in Spanish (Fremont)
- Testified on behalf of the State Council in front of Assembly Select Committee on Disabilities
- Area Board 5 has completed several more Third Party Interviews as part of the Agnews closure Quality management System.
- Facilitated Family Voices 2010Health Summit on March 2 in Sacramento.

- Continue to provide support and facilitation to Bay Area People First and 6 chapters. Two chapters have been certified, two more are in process of certification and two others are scheduled for the training to obtain certification as an official People First chapter through the PFCA training.
  - Continue work with East Bay Autism Task Force of the Senate Select Committee on Autism. Co-Chaired second meeting (2/26/10). Helped host the Northern meeting of the Council of Autism Task Forces (2/23/10).
  - Planning is underway for the 2010 GG Self Advocacy conference to take place September 22 and Congreso Familiar to take place August 14.
- 2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**
- Provided advocacy and or guidance to 19 consumers/families including family support, SLS, transportation, Early Stat, special ed, eligibility, relocation due to flooding, discharge from inpatient psychiatric and alleged financial abuse (5 adults by family members)
- 3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**
- Organized Town Hall meeting to educate legislators on impact of budget cuts. Three legislators and 8 legislative staff listened to invited testimony on cuts to Early Start, Social Recreation and MediCal Adult Dental. About 250 people attended
  - Participated in the northern meeting of Regional Task Forces of the Senate Select Committee on Autism. Facilitated logistics.
  - Attended budget hearings of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review
  - Continued communication with legislative staff.
- 4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**
- Will participate in Information Fair at the UCSF Developmental Disabilities conference for health professionals
  - Planning for Congreso familiar 2010 to be held August 14, 2010
  - Attended the planning session for Semana Binacional de la Salud where one of 4 areas will be autism.
  - Attended a conference on Autism sponsored by Easter Seals
  - Attended ARCA conference on collaboration
  - Continue to participate /attend: Marin Autism collaborative, East Bay Legislative Coalition, Health and Wellness committee, RCEB Board, GGRC Board, Service Provider groups at RCEB and GGRC
- 5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**
- Area Board 5 is very concerned about the potential loss of the only free standing out of home respite facility, the Respite Inn. This facility has been in operation for 21 years. It came about as a collaborative effort of the community to respond to the expressed need of parents for a safe and desirable place for their sons of daughters to stay at while parents went on vacation or took a break from the constant care. Respite Inn has experienced a 30% drop in use due to the

recently enacted statewide limits on out of home respite. This is a unique place, a bed and breakfast (and lunch and dinner) that treats people as guests and does it with class.

- We continue to see the impact of Budget cuts in other areas. Of special concern are the cuts/new requirements in Early Start. Children are not getting the same amount/quality of service from MediCal or private insurance and families are facing great financial burden with co-pays.

### ***SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT***

***Name: Area Board 6***

***Reporting Date: March 2010***

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**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive effect on your community or individual):**

- Attended and participated at the Self Advocacy Council VI Meeting.
- Held our board meeting in San Joaquin County in January.
- Attended Supported Living Network meeting in mountain counties and San Joaquin.
- IHSS Public Authority meeting and attended CA IHSS Advisory committee conference.
- Participated at the Coalition of Local Area Service Providers (CLASP)
- Mayor's Task Force meetings and Employment sub- committee meetings.
- Participated on User & Data Groups for new QA project.
- Held a Board Strategic Planning Day- (See pictures attached)

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- Met with Disability Rights California CRA on strategies to help people go through due process. Reviewed materials.
- Attended Valley Mountain Regional Center Consumer Services and Board Meetings.
- Attended 4 IEP's and Mediation for day care and personal services.
- Gave information over the phone to 20 individuals on a variety of issues; respite, special education, supported living, and IHSS.
- Attended an informal hearing regarding transportation being cut. The case was sent back to planning team level where an agreement was reached between VMRC and consumer.
- Attended an informal hearing regarding respite services being cut.

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- Contacted legislators to invite them to the April CHOICES Conference.
- Mailed Legislators' our newsletter- Area Connection
- Shared legislative updates with our constituency via email and website.

**4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- Participated at the Transition Task Force Meetings
- Presented Special Education Trainings to parents in collaboration with Family Resource Network.
- Took a tour of a transitional program in Stanislaus County for adults 18-22.
- Assisted with the 18 Annual Self Advocacy Area Meeting- over 350 self advocates attended! (See Picture below)

**5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**

No Comments

**SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

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**Name:** Mary Maher: Area Board 7

**Reporting Date:** March 2010

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- With the end of this school year approaching, I have attended many IEP's and education planning meetings. I have also been working with some families who are having advocacy concerns in the areas of housing and services. We have been meeting with SARC staff and the service vendor agencies.

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- In each case, I work to improve the delivery of services for the individual and work towards system change. Some families are facing due process, fair hearings and filing state complaints, which typically lead to system changes.

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- I distribute information to families regarding legislative updates and proposed service changes. I also send information to them regarding legislative forums.

**4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- I received referrals from various organizations this month. I am also collecting information to highlight ABVII at next month's Transition Faire, sponsored by Santa Clara COE and Parents Helping Parents.

**5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**

- Interpreters to assist our constituents in their language would be a great asset for our region. Families are still trying to work through the recent cuts in their services. Nursing shortages continue to be a concern in our region.

**Name: David Grady: Area Board 7**

**Reporting Date: March 2010**

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- Participated in the Training Workgroup for the development of the NCI QA Project. The goal is to train AB staff in April and begin interviews in May. There is a need to have 400 interviews completed by December. Staffing arrangements have yet to be finalized. Because of the number of reports that require completion, a close working relationship with Regional Center is essential. Meetings have been scheduled with staff and our QA liaison at Regional Center to provide updates on progress.
- Completed QMS Third Party Interviews for one care home, and began interviews for two more.
- Assisted with the coordination of the People First program's introduction to our service area. Drafted invitation that went out to several day program providers in our area.
- Attended People First program introduction hosted by Area Board.

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- Attended 1/4ly meeting of consumer to follow up on the status of PASS application with SSI, for the purchase of a vehicle. Following up on action items.

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- No Comments

**4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- Attended 1/4ly QMS Commission Meeting.
- Attended the QA Advisory Committee meeting at SARC.

**5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**

- Direction on implementation of the NCI QA Project is necessary. Utilization of contractors similar to the system of Visitors developed by the LQA will better enable AB7 to meet its goal for completion of interviews.

**Name: Jane A. Lefferdink: Area Board 7**

**Reporting Date: March 2010**

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- Arranged for a 2 day training from People First of California for Area Board VII staff, some adults with Developmental Disabilities and some service providers in an effort to expand this important opportunity for individuals with

Developmental Disabilities to be trained as self-advocates. A more extensive training for individuals with Developmental Disabilities and support staff has been scheduled for March 24, 2010 at the Area Board VII office as we work aggressively to develop “support groups” and ultimately the significant expansion of People First Chapters throughout Area Board VII’s four county service area.

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- Continue meeting with families, professionals and staff from other agencies to address service needs and concerns in the area of housing and employment. Worked with staff at San Andreas Regional Center to address family and other “appropriate” support issues for a young woman.

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- No Comments

**4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- Attended 2 San Andreas Regional Center Board Meetings to Represent AB VII and provide information on family and concerns and issues.
- Area Board VII is co-sponsoring a National 3 ½ day Conference in June which will focus on the needs and aging issues faced by Adults with Cerebral Palsy. Planning efforts are ongoing.

**5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council’s attention:**

- Concern about mental health of families and individuals as cuts in services are implemented. Continued concern about ongoing denial of Educational Services to children with disabilities residing in parts of Santa Cruz County.

***Name: Jennifer Lucas: Area Board 7***

***Reporting Date: March 2010***

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- During February, I assisted two families with their Requests for Fair Hearing. I also participated in a training provided by Joe Meadours and Robin Rhoades of People First. I shared the first draft of the Area Board VII Fair Hearing document with the Executive Committee for their review and feedback.

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- As mentioned above, I assisted two families with their Requests for Fair Hearing. One case focused on a child’s eligibility for regional center services. The other case involved regional center respite cuts. I provided technical assistance in both cases and participated in the informal meeting in the respite case. We are awaiting the regional center’s response in both cases.



3. **Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**
  - No Comments
4. **Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**
  - I participated in a two day training provided by People First at the Area Board office. Several individuals and their support staff attended as well. This was an exciting event as it paved the way for the start of local support groups which, in turn, will hopefully lead to the formation of a local People First Chapter. I am in the process of coordinating a one day training with People First in an effort to garner additional interest and participation from individuals in our community. I also attended the AB 7 Board meeting.
5. **Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**
  - No Comments

### **SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

**Name:** *Steve Silvius, Area Board 8*

**Reporting Date:** *March 2010*

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1. **Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**
  - Presented information regarding mission of Area VIII Board to Down Syndrome Association of Central California. Participated in local autism task force meetings.
2. **Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**
  - The Area VIII Board attended 24 IEP meetings to ensure that students with special needs received the services and protections that are provided for in the IDEA act. The Area VIII Board has been working with our local day programs to provide self-advocacy training programs and materials.
3. **Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy)**
  - No Comments
4. **Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**
  - Attend on regular basis local meetings of various parent support groups.
5. **Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**
  - Lack of behavioral services in residential facilities.

## **SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

**Name: Area Board 9**

**Reporting Date: March 2010**

**Please provide a paragraph about the following topics as they relate to the people you represent; if there has been no activity for the past two months, leave the space blank. The following topics are suggested. Please report on activities as they relate to the State Plan.**

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- Mini Grant were reviewed and approved by the Board. The grant areas were sexuality, early start and providing education to the monolingual Spanish speaking community.
- Area Board continues to participate in the Sexuality and Personal Relationship workgroup. Three training events are planned for in the spring, along with assessment of interest and need.
- Area Board continues to support the two new people first groups in the north part of our catchment area.
- Area Board met with a family support group to discuss the changes to the Lanterman Act and develop strategies to ensure that necessary supports continue.
- As per strategic plan the development of the non-profit began with Board member's identified and initial paperwork started.
- Participated in the Person Centered Planning Taskforce
- Area Board is working on developing a legislative handbook and training for families and persons served on legislative advocacy

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- Individual advocacy provided to families who have been notified of changes to respite, behavioral services and therapy services. A number of fair hearings have been filed on behalf of families. Some issues have been resolved with others waiting scheduling of hearings.
- Individual advocacy has been provided for families concerned their child's special education needs

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entitles, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- Area board staff and board members have met with local legislators regarding the trailer bill changes and to discuss community need.
- Trailer Bill newsletter has been developed and provided to local legislators regarding the impact on families in the local community. Two newsletters have been developed and distributed on IHSS and Respite.

**4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- Area Board continues to participate in local community events/meetings that address the delivery of services by Regional center and their vendors and/or school districts.

**5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**

- No Comments

## **SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

**Name:** *Marcia Good, Area Board 10*

**Reporting Date:** *March 2010*

**Please provide a paragraph about the following topics as they relate to the people you represent; if there has been no activity for the past two months, leave the space blank. The following topics are suggested. Please report on activities as they relate to the State Plan.**

**1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- Area Board 10 hosted three visiting Japanese professors who specialize in disability law and special education along with three parent leaders from the Japanese Parent Support Group.
- With facilitation from Area Board 10, the Self-Advocacy Board of Los Angeles sponsored a day-long symposium on Employment, attended by 70 people.
- We continued participation in the North Los Angeles Autism Task Force.
- We continue to work on promoting the establishment of at least two Project Search (PS) employment sites in Los Angeles County. Area Board 10 hosts a monthly teleconference between the state PS Coordinator (funded by an SCDD grant) and L.A. providers, regional center personnel and transition staff.
- Staff sits on the USC UCEDD Community Advisory Committee and its Recruitment Committee.
- We continue work on planning the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Inclusion Conference in May which will focus on the myriad community/charitable/religious resources that can be tapped in trying economic times.
- Area board 10 continues to sit on a panel that convenes monthly to oversee the electroconvulsive treatment administered to a regional center consumer (state law requires an area board representative)
- Area Board 10 awarded a Mini-Grant to the Self-Advocacy Board of L.A. County to develop a consumer resource directory of free and low cost health care, food banks, social/recreational activities, financial assistance and more.

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- Area Board 10 staff provided individual advocacy assistance to 23 parents who had concerns about their child's educational services and to one family with a child receiving Early Start services.
- Staff provided individual advocacy assistance to 21 individuals with community support service needs.

- Staff delivered two presentations, one in Spanish, regarding IEP strategies to a total of 36 people.
  - We continue to provide facilitation and in-kind support to the Self-Advocacy Board of L.A. County.
- 3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**
- The Board of Directors took positions and sent letters regarding five state bills (AB 682, AB 1260, AB 1589, SB 110, SB 812) and two federal bills (HR 4247, S 2781)
  - We have developed input regarding the proposed closure of Lanterman Developmental Center.
- 4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**
- Board members and staff have participated in the Tarjan Center's Post-Secondary Education Consortium
  - We continue to work with our 7 local regional centers, MTA and transportation providers on the long term endeavor of implementing a consolidated transportation system.
- 5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**
- Area Board 10 staff have stepped up to assist the Council during this time of transition. Our legislative staff, Christopher Arroyo, is staffing the Council's LPPC Committee. The Executive Director is splitting her time between Los Angeles and Sacramento in order to assist the Council with administrative support. Additionally, she is serving as Project Manager and chief negotiator for the new quality assessment project. The project is to launch in May and many programmatic details have yet to be finalized. Funding and staff resources continue to be in short supply making this a most challenging endeavor for all involved.

### **SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

**Name:** *Yvonne Kluttz, Area Board 11*

**Reporting Date:** *March 2010*

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- 1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**
- ABXI is very happy to report that Governor Schwarzenegger has appointed Michael Bailey to serve as a member of ABXI's Board of Directors and as the Board's representative to the Council. Michael is a long-time member of People First of Orange County, a former Chair of RCOC's Consumer Advisory Team,

and was Mission Viejo's 2008 Employee of the Year for his outstanding work at the Mission Viejo Library.

- ABXI co-chairs the Orange County Collaborative to End Abuse of Individuals with Disabilities (CEAID), whose members are committed to working with law enforcement and the courts to improve access to the Orange County judicial system for people with disabilities. In January, CEAID hosted a community presentation by the Supervising Judge of the Civil Panel of the Orange County Superior Court and the Court's ADA Coordinator. "Accessing Justice: The Courts, the ADA, and You", was very well received by attending CEAID members, consumers, family members, and professionals.

**2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- Continued support of monthly meetings of People First of Orange County. In January, members participated in an interactive training with Safety Stu of GetSafe USA. The group's guest in January was a local attorney invited to answer members' questions about the possibility of developing a 501(c)(3) non-profit for charitable/educational purposes.
- Advocacy and technical assistance, which include attending IEPs, IPPs, and other meetings related to education, community placement, regional center eligibility/services and supports, access to community services, housing, health care, and employment issues, as well as provision of brief service to increased numbers of callers requesting information and assistance re: changes/reductions in services, for 54 consumers and family members.

**3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- During this reporting period, ABXI staff and Board Chair have met with staff for two local legislators to share information about the area boards, State Council, and concerns re: the impact of budget cuts on local services and supports.

**4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- Continued involvement and leadership role in the following collaborative committees and events: Orange County Adult Transition Task Force; RCOC Criminal Justice Committee; Orange County Collaborative to End Abuse of Individuals with Disabilities (CEAID); ABXI Health Care Task Force; Orange County Employment Advocacy Network(OCEAN); Disability Rights Workshop; ABXI Quality Assurance Collaborative; Fiesta Educativa; CalOptima's Community Alliances Forum and the Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) Advisory Committee; the Orange County Assistive Technology Collaborative.
- Outreach and presentation on "Understanding the IEP" to 80 professionals at Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC)/UCI's Neurodevelopmental Project, Help Me Grow, Connection Café.
- Workshop on "Funding Sources for Assistive Technology" for 35 attendees at the Sixth Annual Assistive Technology Institute Conference.

- “Preparing for Your IPP” for 22 consumers and family members.
- Q&A on regional center and IHSS services for 15 monolingual-Spanish speaking parents at Grupo Arcoiris’s Support Group meeting.

#### **5. Local Concerns/Issues to bring to the Council’s attention**

- After more than eighteen months, ABXI once again has full-time advocates in both projects at Fairview Developmental Center. Laurie St. Pierre, ABXI’s former LQA coordinator for the last eleven years, will be working with Gail Skvirsky-Bohn, who has elected to return to the VAS position, in anticipation of the need for increased community placement work pursuant to the legislature’s recent decision to close Lanterman Developmental Center.

### **SCDD COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT**

**Name: Area Board 13**

**Reporting Date: March 2010**

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#### **1. Highlights (activities that have had a positive affect on your community or individual):**

- Participate and facilitate monthly planning meetings for the 2010 SD People First Self-Advocacy Conference, as well as coordination and planning for the Imperial Valley Self Advocacy Conference coming up on March 13<sup>th</sup>
- Facilitated the SD People First business and workgroup meeting with 40 people in attendance, as well as the SDPF officer retreat, assisted in planning the SDPF March Leadership Symposium for self advocates on the topic of Self Advocacy and People First membership, and assisted SDPF in doing a presentation to the Foundation for Developmental Disabilities regarding the annual self-advocacy conference and People First, and assisted the new representative to People First of California prepare for his meeting
- Participate on the Violence Prevention Task Force and coordinated training on the prevention of violence and abuse for transition aged students to be held in March
- On February 18, I attended a Stakeholder Dialogue that was the first focused discussion with Federal and state officials on issues related to community living. The purpose was to help these officials develop/refine policies and practices to improve community living options for individuals with disabilities and seniors, and will provide them with information useful to achieving the goals of the Community Living Initiative. In attendance were key HHS agencies and offices, including the Office on Disability, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, the Administration for Children & Families, the Administration on Developmental Disabilities, CMS, AoA, SAMSA, HUD, etc.

- If people would like to add comments, you can go to [community.living@hhs.gov](mailto:community.living@hhs.gov). I for one will be sending along some comments, as it was discouraging to provide information specific to people with developmental disabilities at our small group “table topic”, and not have that information reported by our recorder. I think this just demonstrates that even within the disability community, people with developmental disabilities are still set apart from other disability groups.
- It was a good opportunity however to have all these people in one room, and have the numerous groups in attendance identify repeatedly the same barriers/obstacles to being fully included in the community.

## **2. Advocacy (activities that advocate for Systems Change or an individual):**

- During the months of January and February ABXIII assisted a total of 27 consumers with issues such as IEP’s, informal meetings and Fair Hearings, transition services, Regional Center eligibility, mental health services, low income home repair assistance, school placement change to a non-public school, respite services, IHSS, development of an individualized day program, and a supported living consumer with agency issues.

## **3. Legislative and Public Policy Advocacy (activities that provide public officials, public entities, and local constituencies information about legislation and public policy):**

- On-going planning for the Legislative Breakfast scheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup>. The committee is hoping to expand attendance to 500 this year, from the 430 last year. Mrs. Shirley Dove will be the keynote presenter, speaking on the need to preserve the Lanterman Act.
- Met with Senator Christine Kehoe regarding IHSS reductions
- Continue to refine our local Strategic Plan

## **4. Outreach/Community Event Participation (involvement in activities/events to outreach to the community):**

- Attended the Disability Action Coalition meeting regarding housing needs in San Diego. The wait for Section 8 is 9 to 10 years long.
- Participate on the Parents with Developmental Disabilities Committee
- Completed a new AB XIII brochure and hosted our Open House to welcome the community to our new digs, replete with free parking for all!
- Participate on the Service Inclusion Network, currently the group is in the process of identifying their goals, developing a work plan for 2010, and creating a brochure.
- Participated in an Educational Resource Fair held at the San Diego Regional Center. There were about 70-80 parents in attendance.
- Am attempting to locate a school district willing to participate in the Project SEARCH. The initially identified district was unable to re-allocate the necessary resources, so we are now working with the San Diego Unified District to explore this possibility. The original district, Carlsbad unified, is still interested, so we are continuing to encourage the SELPA Director to re-think his decision. They really are the perfect match, so hopefully we will be successful in this effort.

## **5. Local Issues/Concerns to bring to the Council's attention:**

- The first issue I would like brought to the attention of the Council is the new amount of money families of minor children must pay for out of home placement. As you know the Trailer Bill increased the amount to \$1875 per month, and is doing this over a three year period for people who had children in the system prior to August, 2009. For those families who place their children after that date, they must pay the full amount. This is causing a great hardship on those families because the amount seems to be based on living expenses a family incurs such as vehicles, mortgage payments, etc., but these expenses do NOT go away just because the child moves! One family contacted DDS about this, but did not receive any real assistance. They have since written Terri Delgadillo, but to date have not received a response. Perhaps the Council would like to get out ahead of this issue, and take another look at how that amount was determined.
- It has come to our attention that for all the people that were receiving "aide pay pending" while going through the Fair Hearing process (approx 300 families), the San Diego Regional Center had a trigger in their business office to terminate services effective 12/31/2009. Even though many people have prevailed at these hearings, the information was not communicated to their business office in a timely manner, and respite workers, etc. are left being told they cannot be paid. Some agencies are paying knowing that SDRC will reimburse them retroactively, but not all. This is placing an unnecessary burden on families who did nothing to cause this problem. I am not sure if other areas have done this, but it might be something to be aware of.
- The new requirements for In Home Support Service workers are also causing a hardship on consumers/families when they have to hire a new worker. While our local Public Authority is making every effort to schedule the trainings/fingerprinting in various locations, it is still difficult sometimes for providers to attend quickly. Our local PA Director has told me they will be adding night and weekend trainings soon, this is also a financial hardship on them.